

Remarks / Arguments:

Claims 2, 7-10, 12-17, 20, and 22-33 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 7-10, 12-17, and 20 have been allowed. Claim 22 has been amended, where such amendments are supported by the originally filed application at, for example, page 1, paragraph 2; and at pages 5-6, paragraph 20. No new matter has been added.

Claims 22, 23, 25, 26, 29, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Miyoshi (U.S. Patent No. 5,699,951). Claims 22 and 24-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Johnson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,640,423). Claims 22, 25, 26, 28-30, 32, and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ohkubo et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0084563).

Applicants' acknowledge, with appreciation, the opportunity provided to Applicants' representative (Christopher Spletzer) to participate in a telephone interview with the Examiner on May, 2, 2007. During the interview Applicants' representative proposed to clarify certain language in claim 22. It was agreed that if Applicants' representative amended claim 22 based on the proposal discussed during the interview, that claim 22 would overcome the rejection of record. Claim 22 has been amended accordingly.

More specifically, claim 22 has been amended to recite that the "high speed wire bonding operation" is the process of "attaching a conductive wire between bonding locations on the workpiece." Further, claim 22 has been amended to recite that step (3) includes "moving the workpiece in a second substantially horizontal direction during the high speed wire bonding operation by moving the work table with a **high speed conveyance system . . .**" (emphasis added). Thus, it is clear that the motion in step (3) is an intended motion provided by a high speed conveyance system, and is not incidental motion.

Thus, absent any additional relevant prior art being located by the Examiner, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 22 is patentable over the art of record. Claims 23-33, which are dependent (either directly or indirectly) on claim 22, are also patentable over the art of record.

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The above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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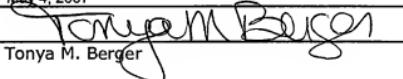
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